

a) topically applying said compound to the dermis of said human or animal; or

b) contacting the dermis of said human or animal with an article containing said compound.--

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to our Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

At the outset, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claim 20 would be favorably considered if presented in independent form. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have replaced claim 20 by new independent claim 26. Applicants respectfully request an indication